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## the PFLASHLYTE

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press."-Constitution of the United States.

"It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the school-house gate. This has been the unmistakable holding of this court for almost 50 years."-United States Supreme Court, Tinker Case, 1969.

On March 12, 1969, Mike Fisher and Dan Sullivan were "Transferred for adjustment" from Sharpstown Senior High School. They were

the Editors of the "Pflashlyte", a spoof of the Sharpstown school's paper, the TORCH. The name was about the only humor in the rag, however; the rest was a legal quest for student's rights, an inquiry into the purpose of schools, and a generally intelligent and well-written newspaper. The paper was written and distributed off of the school campus.

As far as we can see, the only reason for these boys to be kicked out of school would be the Tinker decision, which states something to the effect that students may

not physically interfere with the workings of the school.

Under this ruling, of course, a student who sees a fire and yells about it could be kicked out for interrupting classes. But we won't go into that.

Mr. Stewart, the Sharpstown school principal who suspended Mike and Dan, holds that the boys were physically disrupting the school on at least two counts; One, irate parents kept his phone busy; and two, persons were noticed reading the paper during class time.

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# FIRST PAGAN CHURCH



The First Pagan Church session, after which most of the members leave for Hermann Park. A second service is held at 7:00 in the evening. The Church has one rule-please abide by it if you come-No Holding!

The emphasis here is on the development of the individual.

"Most of us know that there are really no final answers-but we join together in a shared quest. We seek new knowledge, insights and understanding. We seek to build the kind of world which enjoys diversity; the kind of society which offers every human being a chance to realize his own potential; the kind of civilization which encourages the improvement of our own lives and our relationships with our fellows."

The Church was originally located at 12938 Leitzrim, near the Almeda-surfroute. Inaccessibility of the church limited membership, however, so in November Jim and Maureen moved, Church and all, to the present location.

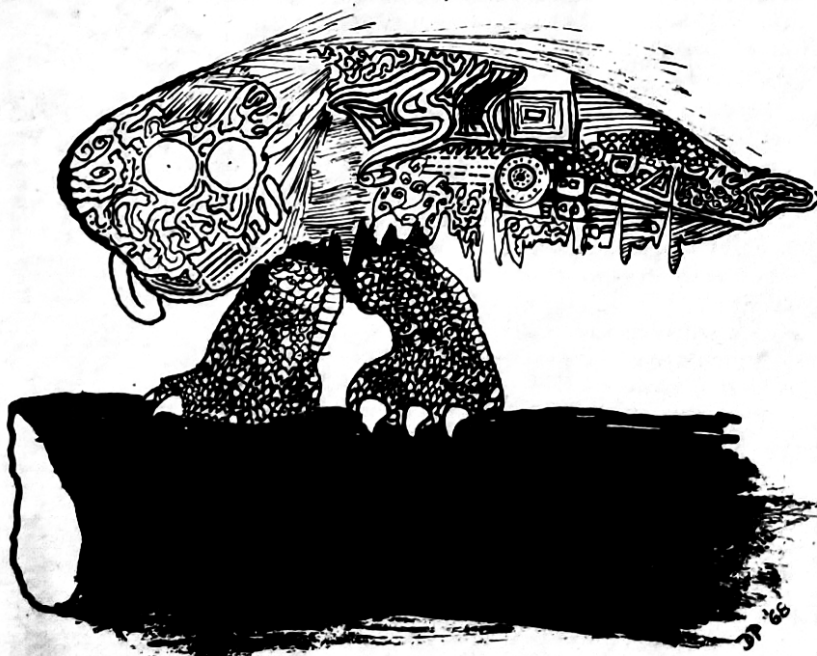
Activities now include a Sunday service at 1:00. This is followed by a yoga

The weekly schedule runs something like the following:

Monday: Sex Attitudes.  
Tuesday: Sex Education.  
Wednesday: General rap session-usually centers on the social problems of contemporary life.  
Thursday: Sexercises.  
Friday: Study of the Occult, ESP, telepathy, etc.

Possible activities of the future include karate classes and a radio station. People are welcome any weeknight and any Saturday or Sunday. A picnic will be held at Hermann Park this Sunday in an attempt to capture a few young, impressionable minds.

For more information come by 903 Welch, or call 522-0370. This is, by the way, also the new headquarters of The Houston Free Press.



## - PFLASHLYTE - cont.

Solutions occurred to us which might save the boys' academic futures: One, hire a secretary or don't answer the phone and two, provide classes that are more interesting and stimulating than the PFLASHLYTE, and the HFP, or whatever.

Anyway, last Friday morning, Judge Seals issued a temporary restraining order, putting the boys back in school and allowing them to make up past work. WOW!

A hearing has been set for this Thursday, April 3rd, at 10:00 am in Judge Seals' courtroom at the Federal Court Building, Milam and Rusk. (Boys, please wear coats) Try to make it.

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my mind  
become Society's pawn  
in the game of chess  
played upon  
this globular board

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what will become of you, earth?  
when men destroy your fantasy  
will there be flowers  
fluttering hither and yon?  
will there be towers  
of trembling trees?  
what will become of you, earth?

Fon, oct'68



# chicago revisited

by John Zeh

CHICAGO (CPS) - The first hints of spring have breathed life into Grant Park, but a cold wind still whips off Lake Michigan to chill noontime strollers. The benches and waste baskets have been repaired, and the ground is free of litter. The contrast between the cold, empty park and the memories of late last summer is striking.

Seven months ago troops and riot-equipped police lined Michigan Avenue in front of the Conrad Hilton Hotel across from the park. Thousands of youthful demonstrators gathered to protest "a closed convention in a closed city." They were beaten and bloodied; their hopes were shattered with their heads.

The cuts and bruises have healed, but the scars of Chicago linger. The aftermath has just begun, putting Chicago back on the nation's conscience.

Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, the defeated vice-presidential candidate, returned to the Hilton for the first time since the convention for a convention of educators in early March. He said he "will never forget the experience" of the August troubles. "I hope Chicago will always be remembered, so that its memory may inhibit us from dealing with dissent by means other than communication, reason, responsibility, sympathy, and compassion."

The memory of Chicago lives:

Cook County and federal officials are secretly preparing more indictments against so-called leaders of the disorders. March 20, the big names in the anti-war movement were charged with conspiring to

use interstate commerce with intent to commit violence. Eight policemen were also indicted, and a TV news director was charged with bugging a closed convention hearing.

Legal action is being taken against the city of Chicago. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will soon file a major damage suit against city officials and the Conrad Hilton Hotel on behalf of McCarthy workers who were beaten in their rooms the last night of the convention. Patricia Saltonstall, a McCarthy press aide, announced last week that she will sue the city for the treatment she received. A suit seeking a permanent injunction barring police from interfering with reporters at news events has been ordered reopened. A theology student who was beaten by police while urging demonstrators to leave Lincoln Park has sued the city for \$1.25 million. The constitutionality of the local parade permit ordinance and procedures has been challenged.

Municipal courts are grinding out convictions (but not justice) at an assembly-line rate. At least 343 persons have been found guilty on minor charges, many through copping pleas to avoid court appearance or potentially-greater fines for a plea of innocence. Charges have been dropped against some 269 others. At least 66 other cases are still pending. The ten demonstrators found guilty on March 19 if interfering with a policeman have vowed to appeal. The trial of 12 other demonstrators (some delegates) charged with disorderly conduct is a major test of the legal limits of protest marching. It has entered its final stages.

The city police department says it has re-opened its investigation into misconduct by officers. Forty-one cops have been suspended and two have resigned. The eight indicted are considered by some as scapegoats, but officials say it is hard to make a case against individuals.

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These are the headlines one sees every day; it seems as if we are living in a world gone mad. I ask the question... Why? Is war and hate and violence so deeply ingrained in mankind, so much a part of his heritage that it can never be changed? Would it not be just as easy to love and care for someone as it is to kill strangers?

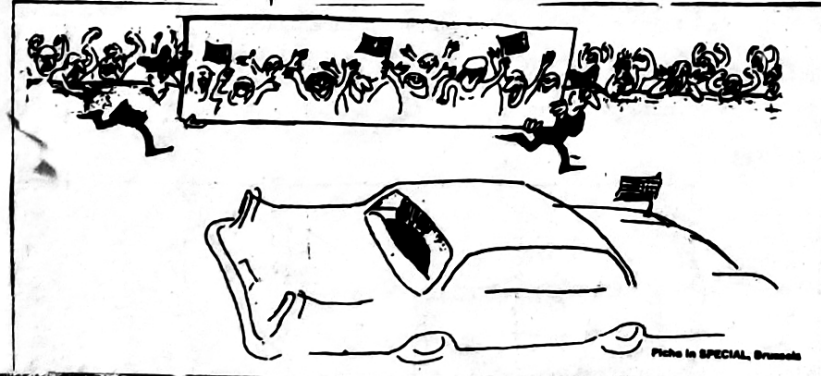
Over half of the world's population is constantly hungry; starvation, malnutrition, and disease are rampant in India, Biafra, South America, and yes, even in these United States. Yet the nations of the world continue to squander untold billions on weapons. Egypt, for example, has several million undernourished citizens, but continues to trade her cotton for Russian weapons, instead of using it to trade for food. India, also, loses many people every day to starvation, yet the Indian government spends billions for jet aircraft and tanks.

I believe that mankind must start sharing and caring more for its members who have nothing. Instead of training an army to kill, wouldn't it be much better to train an army (of volunteers) to go into these starving areas of the world to help alleviate the suffering of the sick and hungry, instead of a powerful navy - more research toward tapping the oceans as a potential for solving the world food problem.

Of course, this sort of world cooperation would require the help and the trust of every nation on earth. But it is too easy to use this as an excuse for neglecting the world community. World cooperation and international trust MUST come about soon, before overpopulation, more Vietnams, or the big bomb destroy this civilization.

Bob Leax

Responses to Bob's letter are invited. H. F. P.



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by georgia kerzel

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of his friends  
and the puzzled  
eyes of his  
mother,  
a young boy  
cries.  
The tears,  
leaving his gentle eyes  
and finding  
their way  
slowly down  
his soft cheeks,  
sting.  
They sting almost  
as much  
as the names  
they gave him.  
How could the others  
feel the  
death one  
dies when  
one kills another?  
How can they ask him to murder?

Them.  
They stay in  
their cozy homes  
and listen  
to the radio report  
of victory.  
How can anyone  
be victors when  
they defeat  
themselves with  
every life  
taken?

But who will  
understand  
his courage  
and not call him  
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was spawned by the convention fallout. Daley's Democratic organization (read Machine) lost a city council seat to a Black reformer and was forced into a runoff with a "new look" Democrat in a special alderman election March 11. Daley-men retained four other seats, but the challenge to the mayor's authority may be healthy for future campaigns. There is even some talk of Daley not running again in 1971.

The mayor exploded in early March when asked to comment on Hubert Humphrey's statement that the convention trouble hurt his chances of winning the presidency. "It was the candidacy of Hubert Humphrey and the policies of the Administration on Vietnam," said Daley of the Democrat's defeat. "We had nothing to do with it." Indeed.

"Mayor Daley taught us a great lesson about this country," wrote columnist Murray Kempton (now on trial for demonstrating while a delegate from New York). "Having learned from him, we will never be the same. Anyhow I hope not." "What happened in Chicago was an appalling portent of things to come. The portent must not be ignored. We cannot learn the lessons of Chicago soon enough," said Senator Wayne Morse. The Michigan Avenue massacre "opened the specter" of what to expect in a police state, said author Norman Mailer.

The "coming down" of the indictments against the Chicago Eight (known as "The Conspiracy" since their number is sure to grow) is considered the first major manifestation of the repression to come under the new administration and the accompanying sentiment for "law 'n order" that was indicated in Chicago. "This is just the beginning," said Richard Goodwin during the battle of Michigan Avenue Wednesday. "There'll be four years of this." The provision of the 1968 Civil Rights Act which the eight were indicted for violating is "clearly unconstitutional," according to Jay. A. Miller, head of the ACLU's Illinois division. The law "would mean an end to over-ground dissent" in the U.S., he said. "There could be no demonstrations because it would be impossible to know when one might become disorderly."

Rennie Davis and Jerry Rubin, two of the indicted protesters, also have scored their indictments as an anti-dissent move. Yippie myth-maker Rubin called them a "bald attempt" to stop demonstrations by tying up movement people in legal hassles and frightening other potential organizers. "One of the chief problems within the Movement," Tom Hayden has said, "is fear-fear of repression." Davis, who coordinated the convention protest for the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (MOBE), said the anti-riot law is part of the Nixon administration's "broad strategy to clamp down on insurgents on the campus."

The new courage being demonstrated this year on the campuses can be traced to Chicago. Dave Dellinger, indicted MOBE Chairman, has talked about the "heady sense of manhood that comes from advancing from apathy to commitment, from timidity to courage, from passivity to aggressiveness." "There is an intoxication that comes from standing up to the police at last."

William K. Williams, a race relations consultant, wrote in the ACLU's "Law and Disorder:" Most of the young people came to Chicago as amateurs- both to protesting and to the political process. At week's end, many had become hardened guerilla fighters, and they took that training back to college campuses across the country. "In Chicago, for once," adds Dellinger, "a generation which sees through the false idealism and ugly purpose of the U.S. aggression in Vietnam found alternative, more meaningful satisfaction in a heroic battle in which righteousness was clearly on their side."

But the liberal community has reacted ("flipped out," says editor Abe Peck of the underground *Seed*) to Chicago with a new distaste for the city governments old tactics. People have begun to mobilize.

The ACLU's Miller sees this polarization within the city as the most serious outcome of the convention. "The brutality and reality of Chicago was a good education, but fear was generated," he said in an interview. "We've ended up with a city even more intolerant and repressive."

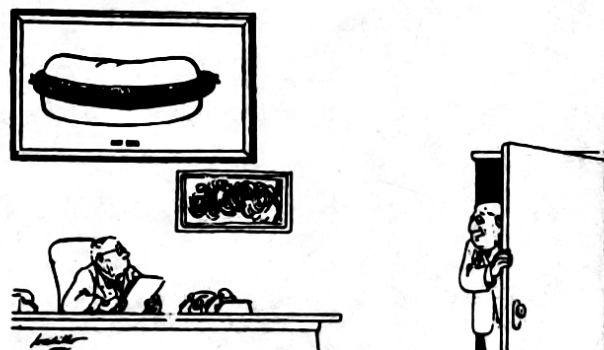
Fund-raising drives have been announced to help defend the "Chicago Political Defendant," and to appeal the cases out of Day  
eal the cases out of Daley's courts.

A national headquarters for defense is being set up in Chicago. Davis and the others intend to use the trial as a forum to indict the Nixon and Daley administrations. "There was a conspiracy in Chicago," says Ruben. "It was a conspiracy of thousands to oppose an illegitimate and immoral political party."

A huge demonstration has been planned for Chicago on April 5, the day of renewed protest after Nixon's honeymoon in the post-Johnson lull. The City of Chicago will be given another chance then.

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